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► Former NHL player Theoren Fleury talks about the Graham James case during a press conference yesterday in Calgary. Former junior hockey coach and convicted sex offender James has pleaded guilty to sexual assaults involving two of his former players, including Fleury. Story, page 8.

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Legislation worsens cab crunch, drivers say

► New provincial measures will likely
cause more late-night partiers to hail taxis

Bar patrons afraid of violating Alberta's new impaired-driving legislation face even longer waits for a ride home, says a taxi-driver representative who believes the city's current fleet is already overwhelmed.

The provincial government pushed measures through late Tuesday that will now place heavier administrative sanctions on drivers who provide a blood-alcohol reading to police between .05 and .08.

Rajiv Kapil, head of the Calgary Cab Drivers Association, said confusion over what actually constitutes impairment now will turn more people towards the services of the drivers he represents, but they won't be able to keep up.

Couple that with reports he receives of verbal abuse from passengers fed up with long waits, and Kapil worries for the sanity of current drivers.

"It's very concerning," he said. "This is a big problem. We need many more cabs."

But not everyone in the taxi industry agrees with the association's stance.

Associated Cabs president Roger Richard said Calgary's taxi fleet is

Licensed cabs

► **Passengers.** There are currently 1,411 taxis licensed to operate in Calgary, approximately one for every 780 potential passengers. Associated Cabs president Roger Richard said that in other markets across Canada there's typically one taxi available for every 900-1,000 passengers.

► **Demand.** The Calgary Cab Drivers Association says licensing 300-400 new taxis would allow them to properly respond to increasing demand.

adequate 95 per cent of the time and extended service delays are only typically experienced during peak-demand times on Friday and Saturday nights.

"We are servicing a huge area," he said, before encouraging customers to be proactive. "It's no different than trying to fly out on the 24th of December. If you don't book it six months in advance, you aren't going to get a flight."

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No easy fix for peak-hour cab problem

- City committee expecting report on current taxi levels in new year
- Frustrated hospitality industry has explored other options



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Throwing more licensed taxis into the mix won't necessarily alleviate long wait times experienced during peak hours, say officials long involved in talks surrounding appropriate service levels.

As some members of the taxi industry worry new impaired-driving laws in Alberta will push both passengers and drivers past the breaking point, a Calgary alderman says it's hard to convince cabbies to work the shifts when they are typically needed most.

"The problem is these guys want to work a 9-5 job like everybody else," said Ray Jones, who previously served on the city's taxi appeal board for 13 years. "They don't want to deal with the drunks, the people that are going to throw up in their cabs or do a dine-and-dash.... You can't blame them for that."

Jones pointed out that many establishments have taken it upon themselves to offer ride-home services for patrons, but many hospitality-industry representatives contend all of that responsibility shouldn't fall on their shoulders.

Hudsons Canadian president Mike Yasinski, who owns seven Alberta locations, said smaller establishments are sometimes

Ride home

- To aid taxi-seeking patrons, the city unveiled 12 late-night ride home stands in the downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods last year. The stands, marked by orange signs, allow taxis to park on designated areas of the street near restaurants, theatres and bars from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
- The city has also begun allowing taxis to park in front of fire hydrants, increasing their presence in the downtown core where the majority of customers are picked up.

able to offer alternative transportation to patrons but that it wouldn't be feasible for larger-scale venues like his.

"It would be impossible to do.... There would be no economic sense around that," he said.

Despite Jones' contentions with increasing taxi licences, the volunteer-run taxi and limousine advisory committee is slated to evaluate service

"It's funny — I have never had a problem getting a cab, and it's not because I'm an alderman.... If you're going to be sitting in a bar at 2 a.m. expecting to get a cab home, I suggest you book it the day before." ALD. RAY JONES



► Cab drivers will be faced with even more challenges when Alberta's new impaired driving measures come into effect, some industry representatives believe.

levels and report to a city committee in February.

"You to have to give it (the new law) some time," said committee chair Stephanie Ho Lem. "It's out there and is something we will have to look at."

Provincial representatives said yesterday the new impaired-driving laws will come into effect within seven months.

Extending transit hours

In January, Edmonton's transit system will begin offering late-night service from Whyte Avenue to the city's University and Southgate stations from

1:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings in an effort to help bar-goers disperse in a safe manner. Calgary Transit, however, is currently operating on a tight budget, and a spokesperson confirmed there are no plans for a similar offering locally. ● METRO

Taxi levels

1986	2011
► Calgary population: 640,645	► Calgary population: 1,100,000
► Number of taxis: 1,311	► Number of taxis: 1,411
► Rough ratio: 1:490	► Rough ratio: 1:780

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Occupy prompts review of CEMA

► A ruling was issued on Tuesday forcing Occupy Calgary to leave Olympic Plaza by Friday at 2 p.m.



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Nearly two months after it began, one alderman is asking for a review of the city organization initially responsible for overseeing Occupy Calgary.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart has been a vocal critic of the Occupy movement. She said she will put forward an urgent notice of motion on Monday requesting a review of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency.

"Where I think the city went wrong in the begin-

ning was they activated CEMA," she said Tuesday.

CEMA's deputy chief Tom Sampson defended the group's actions. He said the enforcement targets put forward by CEMA would have seen action taken sooner.

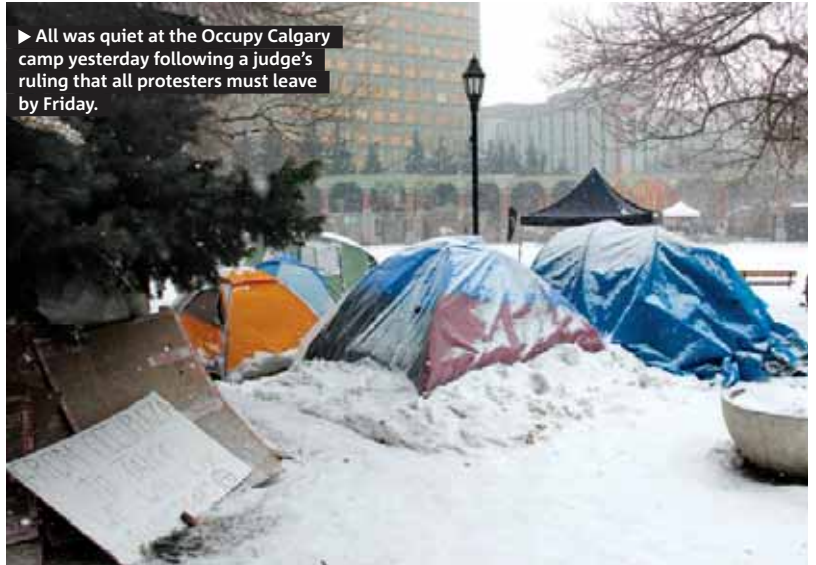
"I'm not sitting here kicking myself, because, quite frankly, we had laid out an appropriate plan," he said. "That plan was, in the end, executed, just not on the dates that we had originally set out."



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Occupy timeline

- The Occupy Calgary camp in Olympic Plaza began on Oct. 15.
- Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart put forward a notice of motion two weeks ago requesting a report on the actions the city took during the movement.
- Council approved her motion and a report will come back in the new year.
- Demonstrators who do not comply with the court's ruling will be arrested.



► All was quiet at the Occupy Calgary camp yesterday following a judge's ruling that all protesters must leave by Friday.

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Police cameras to ease courtroom backlog

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► Calgary police aim to install in-car cameras, like the one seen in this photo, in their entire vehicle fleet by 2014.



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Installing high-tech cameras in all Calgary police cruisers will not only improve officer and public safety but could free up valuable court time.

That's according to Sgt. Evel Kiez, who is helping lead efforts to outfit the technology in 200 police vehicles by 2013 and equip the remaining 150 in 2014.

The devices can record happenings both in and out of the vehicle — including actions by arrested individuals in the

backseat.

They can even track the speed of passing vehicles.

"If a driver crosses a solid yellow line or hits a curb, you are going to be able to gather evidence," Kiez said.

"That, in turn, when it goes to court, will often go the route of early case resolution.

"Offenders will often say, 'I don't want this to be on a 42-inch monitor in the courthouse. I don't want the judge to see this,'" he added.

The cost for installing the cameras is pegged at

Capabilities

- Police have been testing out cameras in both cruisers and helicopters as far back as 2007.
- Along with video, the devices also come with audio capabilities that can record conversations up to 1,000 feet away.

about \$8,000 per cruiser.

Police hope to cut a cheaper deal by outfitting their vehicles in a large quantity.



Suspect questioned in alleged sex assaults

Police are questioning an individual following two sex assaults early yesterday morning.

According to a news release, security personnel near 8th Avenue and 1st Street Southwest were approached by a woman alleging she had been sexually assaulted in a nearby back alley around 4:15 a.m.

The woman was able to escape but suffered minor injuries.

A short time later, police

received a similar report from another woman who claimed she was attacked in the same vicinity as the first incident.

A description was provided to patrol officers and an individual was arrested a short distance from the alleged attacks. Charges have yet to be laid.

Anyone who may have witnessed either incident is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers. ● METRO

Police seek help in attempted bank robbery

Calgary police are looking for a Caucasian woman who entered a Bank of Montreal yesterday around 1:30 p.m. in the 8200 block of Centre Street North. She approached a teller indicating she was armed with a weapon and that it was a robbery. Anyone with information is asked to call Calgary police.

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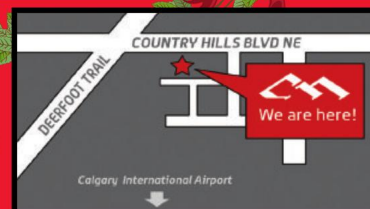
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'Look both ways' and other rules adults ignore

Calgary Transit and city police are once again warning pedestrians to follow the basic rules of the road in the wake of several incidents.

Acting Insp. Michael Watterston said the recent number of pedestrian-involved collisions on the roadways and C-Train tracks is not typical.

"This goes back to the basics of what we even teach our kids in grade school — to look both ways, pay attention to the signs and use the appropriate crosswalks," he said.

"The police can't be there at every single intersection. People need to take some responsibility."

Brian Whitelaw, co-ordinator of public safety and enforcement, said Calgary Transit does what it can to keep people safe, but cellphones and headphones can prevent people from paying attention.

"Every time that we

Near-misses

► Brian Whitelaw said trains are often travelling at speeds upward of 60 km/h.

► He said when drivers have to stop, they have to consider the safety of the passengers inside the train and cannot stop too abruptly.

► To view video of a pedestrians' near-misses with the C-Train, visit metronews.ca/Calgary.

deal with a tragedy, we take a look and we ask ourselves the questions, is there more, in fact, that we can do? But at the end of the day, if somebody chooses to walk around a barrier, I don't think there's anything that we can do," he said.

"The rules are fairly basic: look both ways."

● KATIE TURNER

C-Train driver still haunted by fatality

► Collision took place on Aug. 30 at 36 Street and 39 Avenue



► C-Train operator Mauro D'Orazio said he'll never recover from witnessing a fatality that occurred in August when a train he was at the helm of struck a pedestrian.

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C-Train driver Mauro D'Orazio said when he comes to work every day, his goal is to safely get people to work in the morning and home in the evening.

That doesn't always happen.

On Aug. 30, D'Orazio was steering a train along the northeast line when a 36-year-old man walked in front and was subsequently struck and killed.

"It's hard to talk about it," said D'Orazio pausing as he's asked to recall what happened that day.

Following two C-Train-pedestrian collisions in two days — one of which resulted in the death of a 49-year-old woman — D'Orazio said he's been reminded of the incident he was involved in.

"Every time you have an accident — the other day,

Trauma

► Dr. Patrick Keelan, a psychologist with the Calgary Counselling Centre, said the impact of witnessing a traumatic event could result in post-traumatic stress disorder.

► He said going back to the scene of the incident can often trigger anxiety and flashbacks.

today — you really feel it because you start to live through it all over again."

D'Orazio has since returned to work but said it's still a struggle that's only exacerbated by pedestrians frequently crossing in front of trains.

"Pretty much every time you come down (7th) Avenue, someone is going to jaywalk in front of you," he said. "One guy got hit but everybody suffered. I'm suffering"

By the numbers

33

On Monday around 8 a.m., a woman was struck by a C-Train and later died. Roughly 33 hours later, a man was hit by a C-Train downtown.

66

According to Calgary Transit, 66 people have been killed on C-Train tracks since the LRT began operating in 1981.

1,800

Calgary Transit has about 1,800 operators that drive C-Trains and buses throughout the city.

38

There are 38 C-Train stations total in Calgary. Nine of those platforms are in the downtown core.

107

Between Sept. 21 and Oct. 6, Calgary Transit handed out 107 summonses to pedestrians crossing unsafely.

97

During one two-week period this fall, the Calgary Police Service issued 97 summonses. ● KATIE TURNER

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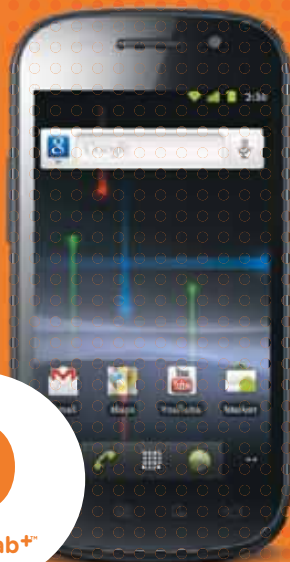


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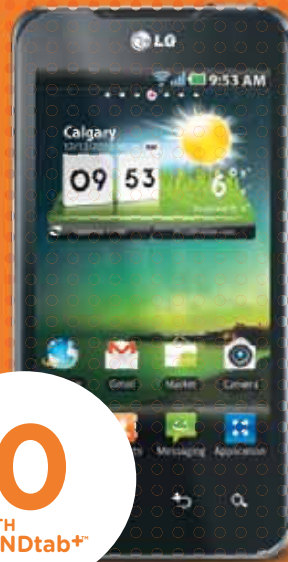
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'Forgotten war' takes spotlight at new exhibition

A new exhibition at the Military Museums is making sure our Canadian soldiers in the Pacific are never forgotten.

The Ring of Fire tells the stories of Canada's troops in the Pacific during the Second World War.

"We were referred to as the forgotten war," said Air Force veteran Bryce Chase.

"People just forgot something went on out there."

Chase served in Burma and was excited to see the items on display that recalled his service in the war.

"We really wanted to educate Canadians on their own history," said Rory Cory, senior curator of the Military Museums.

Cory said when most

150

There are 150 artifacts from the Pacific Theatre on display at The Ring of Fire.

people think of the Second World War, they forget about Canada's participation in the Pacific theatre and the casualties suffered in Hong Kong.

"We have tried to tell all the stories," Cory said.

The exhibition includes a number of artifacts from private collectors and military museums across Canada, including rare colour photos, medal groups, personal artifacts and art by prisoners of war.

It runs through June 3.

● CANDICE WARD

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► Rory Cory, senior curator at the Military Museums, left, shows veteran Bryce Chase the new Ring of Fire exhibition.

'There is no changing a monster like that': Fleury

► Former Flames star Theoren Fleury reacts to conviction of Graham James ► James admitted to sexually abusing Fleury and another player

LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Disgraced junior hockey coach Graham James admitted yesterday that he repeatedly sexually assaulted two of the young players he once mentored — including retired NHL superstar Theoren Fleury.

James — his heft diminished and his grey hair cropped close — appeared via video link in a Winnipeg courtroom looking nothing like the rotund, animated man who once stalked the bench behind the Swift Current Broncos of the Western Hockey League.

Though he had been facing nine charges of sexual assault involving three players between 1979 and 1994, James pleaded guilty only to charges involving Fleury and another victim, whose name remains under a publication ban.

Crown attorney Colleen McDuff asked that two charges related to a third complainant, Greg Gilhooly, be stayed.

She said no plea deal was struck with James and the Crown will be asking for penitentiary time when he is sentenced.

Fleury detailed the abuse he suffered in his 2009 autobiography, prompting the police investigation that led to the most recent charges.

In *Playing With Fire*, the former Calgary Flame told of how James recruited him at 13 to play in Win-



► Former Calgary Flames player Theoren Fleury talks about the Graham James case during a press conference in Calgary yesterday.

nipeg and then in Moose Jaw. He said James would visit and abuse him on the road — fondling him or performing oral sex. James obtained Fleury's silence by threatening the youngster's dream of one day playing in the NHL.

Fleury wrote of how James took him and fellow player Sheldon Kennedy to Disneyland where he said James would take turns molesting them in motel rooms. James pleaded guilty to the charges involving Kennedy in 1997, but Fleury stayed silent until 2009.

At a news conference in Calgary, Fleury criticized the justice system for how

History of abuse

- James, 59, pleaded guilty in 1997 to 350 counts of sexual abuse against two other players, including former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy.
- He was sentenced to

it handled the James case.

"Graham James pled guilty years ago, and then he was granted a pardon, after he was found in Mexico and brought back to Canada on these charges," he said. "He was given bail ... this is what the mighty Canadian justice system allowed a previously convicted child rapist to do."

three and a half years in prison.

- He has been out on bail for almost a year and is living in Montreal. He will remain free until his sentencing in Winnipeg on Feb. 22, for which he must appear.

Fleury should serve a lengthy sentence.

"I believe what people show me — he showed me he was and is a rapist. There is no changing a monster like that," he said.

"It took me 27 years to get comfortable in my own skin. To me, that's a pretty decent sentence."

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Local groups buy .XXX domain names

► Major Calgary organizations — from hockey franchises to universities — try to circumvent being linked to suggestive sites

X-rated domain

- **Discounts.** Mock attempts to purchase a XXX domain name from ICM Registry indicated it would cost \$101.62. Generally, domain providers do offer bulk-buy discounts.
- **Purchased.** Other XXX domains linked to local groups that have already been purchased include SAIT.xxx and calgarystamped.xxx.
- **Available.** Those that are still up for grabs include mtroyal.xxx, Visitcalgary.xxx, calgaryairport.xxx and hitmenhockey.xxx.
- **Metro.** For the record, metronews.xxx remains available for purchase.



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Fears of being linked to online pornography have led a number of prominent Calgary organizations to buy up suggestive domain names.

A Florida-based organization, ICM Registry, officially opened its .xxx website extensions to the general public Tuesday, but in the months prior certain organizations were granted the ability to pre-purchase web addresses similar to their current online offerings.

The University of Calgary, for one, purchased multiple URLs, including UCalgary.xxx, a spokesperson confirmed

yesterday, simply to prevent others from using them.

Carey Williamson, head of the university's computer-science department, said the move was spurred by the practices of so-called "domain squatters," who spend their days buying up URL combinations that could be valuable in the future or linked to reputable brands.

"They can put content there and possibly confuse clients as to what business you actually are in," Williamson said.

Even major sporting organizations were forced to take action against the new slate of domain offerings. The National Hockey League bought up any possible links to their team



► ICM Registry, whose website is pictured, is offering up domain names with suggestive extensions, including the already-purchased Calgary.xxx.¹

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websites, including Calgary's own Flames.nhl.xxx, spokesperson Sean Kelso said.

The City of Calgary also toyed with purchasing some of the XXX domains, said corporate web service

spokesperson Paul Taylor, but in the end decided to hold off.

"The potential combinations are staggering," Taylor said. "We do have a list of URLs that we protect internally, but we try to keep it small because

these things cost money." A quick check confirmed an unknown buyer has already purchased the Calgary.xxx domain.

"That is a concern. We don't want anybody misrepresenting city information," Taylor said.

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► Calgary Flame Chris Butler, Hailey Holmes, 5, and Rachel Simpson show off the crafts they made yesterday, when the Flames made their annual holiday visit to the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Flames' visit fires up ACH kids

- 'This is one of my favourite days of the year': Morrison
- Next home game tonight against Colorado Avalanche



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The Calgary Flames brought a little spark into the lives of a few lucky kids yesterday, as they made their annual holiday visit to the Alberta Children's Hospital.

The visit from the hockey team was also a highlight to the parents. "This is such a great outing," said Ed Top, the

father of Jonathon Top, 10, who has been at the hospital for a week with a rare hip disease.

For Top, the break from the routine of appointments and treatments was a much-needed one.

"It is really hard to see your kid go through this, so it is amazing for them to get to see these guys," Top said.

The children and their families got a chance to make some holiday crafts

with the team while spending time with their favourite players.

Meanwhile, the players said that the day was also a treat.

"This is one of my favourite days of the year," said Brendan Morrison, forward for the Calgary Flames.

Morrison, who has children of his own, said spending time with the children at hospital gives him perspective.

News in brief

Facebook support for alleged child killer

ZARIA MCCALL. A Facebook page has been set up in support of an Alberta man charged with killing his baby daughter.

Four-month-old Zaria McCall died in hospital last week from severe head injuries.

Julian Thomson, 21, of Red Deer, is charged with second-degree murder.

Faron Weiss, a friend of the baby's mother, says he was dismayed to find the page on the popular social networking site. The page has 60 members.

Weiss wants people to complain and have the page removed.

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Dino once roamed southern Alberta

'RUBBISH' REDISCOVERED. A team of international sci-

entists says a newly rediscovered dinosaur species once roamed the planes of southern Alberta.

Officials at California's Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology say the skeleton of the Spinops Sternbergorum was discovered southeast of Calgary in 1916 by a father and son science team.

Charles and Levi Sternberg sent the two partial skulls to London's Natural History Museum, where they were promptly labelled "rubbish" and forgotten.

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Woman accused in Gadhafi plot

► Mexico says Ontario woman led plan to sneak in late dictator's son

An Ontario woman has been accused of leading an audacious plot to sneak a son of the late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi and three relatives into Mexico.

The woman, Cynthia Vanier, is being held with three other suspects, said Mexico Interior Secretary Alejandro Poire.

The elaborate plan was to bring to Mexico al-Saadi Gadhafi — known for his love of professional soccer and his run-ins with police in Europe.

The plot was uncovered by Mexican intelligence agents in early September as al-Saadi was fleeing Libya shortly after his father's ouster. He never made it to Mexico, but did reach Niger, where he has been living.

The plotters allegedly jetted into Mexico, opened bank accounts and bought properties meant to be used as safe houses in several parts of the country, including one at a resort on Mexico's Pacific coast.

"The large economic resources which this criminal organization has, or had, allowed them to contract private flights," Poire told a news conference.

A Danish man allegedly served as "the logistic liaison" for the plan, Poire said.

Mexico made no mention of Moammar Gadhafi himself being involved in the plan. He was killed in Libya on Oct. 20.

The Foreign Affairs department confirmed Vanier's arrest.

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► As Libya erupted in revolt, al-Saadi Gadhafi fled to Niger, where he has been living.

The Vanier file

- Cynthia Vanier runs Vanier Consulting, a "practice dedicated to high-risk unconventional mediation work," according to a resumé.
- Vanier worked with Attawapiskat First Nation in the fall of 2009, according to her website.
- Her resumé also cites work with various other aboriginal groups, including Caledonia's Six Nations of the Grand River from 2006 to 2007.
- A woman who answered the telephone at Vanier Consulting in Mount Forest, Ont., would not give her name, and did not respond to requests for an interview.
- "I haven't heard anything about today's matters," said Vanier's Toronto-based attorney, Paul Copeland.

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New entry-exit system years away

► Most contentious feature could be plan to exchange information of all persons at Canada-U.S. border

Key features of the Canada-U.S. perimeter-security pact — including a controversial new entry-exit system for crossing the 49th parallel — are three to four years from seeing the light of day.

The 29-point deal and an accord on regulatory reform aim to streamline trade while protecting the continent from terrorist attacks and other security threats by aligning approaches and screening more people and cargo before they arrive in North America.

"These agreements create a new, modern border for a new century," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said at a formal ceremony



► Stephen Harper and Barack Obama.

in Washington, alongside U.S. President Barack Obama.

"The key that locks the door to terrorists also opens a wider gate to cross-border trade and travel."

But many of the initiatives will be years in the making.

Full implementation of the entry-exit control regime isn't expected until June 2014, the same year a

new integrated cargo-screening strategy is expected to be fully online.

An improved means of sniffing for explosives in the luggage of U.S.-bound air travellers isn't due for completion until March 2015.

"There are going to be other items that are frankly more complicated and are going to take a little bit longer to put in place," said a senior Canadian government official, who briefed journalists on condition of anonymity.

"Entry-exit is a good example. This is not something where you flip a switch and it happens all at once."

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Scammers targeting mobile devices

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► Experts warn against downloading Android apps from third-party marketplaces

Cybercrimes are becoming more mobile.

As more smartphones and tablets are being used, cyber thieves aren't just targeting personal computers to steal information for financial gain, say antivirus security experts.

"With the proliferation of mobile devices, that's just where the next threat landscape is going," Symantec's Lynn Hargrove said of what's expected in cyberspace in 2012.

"More people will have a mobile phone or a mobile device than a PC," she said.

Young men between the ages of 18 and 31 are targets because of the large amount of time they spend online every week, said Hargrove, director of consumer solutions for Symantec Inc.

Online privacy

► David Craig of PwC Canada also foresees the exploitation of personal data for financial gain or embarrassment.

► Electronic medical records, shared between clinics, hospitals and doctors and often stored on patients' devices, are vulnerable, Craig said.

Mobile malware is on the rise, said Doug Cooke, director of sales engineering at McAfee Canada.

Google's Android operating system, used in smartphones and tablets by manufacturers such as Samsung, HTC and Motorola, is vulnerable, experts say.

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► Every year, cyber criminals come up with new ways to steal information from laptops and mobile devices. Security experts say that online thieves will be hard at work again in 2012.



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► Firefighters battle a wildfire near Smithville, Texas, in September.

Record year for disasters

► A dozen U.S. events each caused more than \$1B damage ► Includes wildfires, droughts, snowstorms

America's wild weather year has set another record: a dozen billion-dollar catastrophes.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said yesterday that it has recalculated the number of weather disasters passing the billion-dollar mark, with two new ones, pushing 2011's total to 12. The two costly additions are the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona wildfires and the mid-June tornadoes and severe weather.

NOAA uses \$1 billion as a benchmark for the worst weather disasters.

Extreme weather in the U.S. this year has killed more than 1,000 people, according to National Weather Service Director Jack Hayes. The dozen billion-dollar disasters alone add up to \$52 billion in damage. Hayes, a meteorologist since 1970, said he has never seen a year for extreme weather like this, calling it "the deadly, destructive and relentless 2011."

And this year's total may not stop at 12. Officials are still adding up the damage from the Tropical Storm Lee and the pre-Halloween Northeast snowstorm, and so far they are both at the \$750 million mark. And there's still nearly a month left in the year.

Catastrophic

This year's total of a dozen billion-dollar calamities matches the number for all of the 1980s, even when the older figures are adjusted for inflation.

Scientists blame an unlucky combination of global warming and freak chance. They say even with the long-predicted increase in weather extremes triggered by manmade climate change, 2011 in the U.S. was wilder than they predicted. The six large outbreaks of twisters, which were especially deadly this year, can't be attributed to global warming, but increased droughts, heat waves and wildfires are expected to increase with global warming, scientists say. More people are also living in areas that are prone to disasters.

But this isn't just about numbers and records, it's about people, said NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco.

"Each of these events is a huge disaster for victims who experience them," Lubchenco said in an email to The Associated Press. "They are an unprecedented challenge for the nation." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Incest no biggie for bedbugs

Bedbugs aren't just sleeping with you. They're sleeping with each other.

Researchers now say that the creepy bugs have a special genetic gift: withstanding incest.

It turns out that unlike most creatures, bedbugs are able to inbreed with close relatives and still pro-

duce generally healthy offspring. That means that if just a few bedbugs survive in a building after treatment, they repopulate quickly.

Coby Schal and Ed Vargo, of North Carolina State University, presented research on genetic diversity in bedbug populations on Tuesday

in Philadelphia, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

"We kept discovering the same thing. Within a given apartment, or even a given building, there was extremely low genetic diversity," said Schal.

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Governor gone bad gets 14 years

► Rod Blagojevich pleads for mercy ► But judge tells him: 'The fabric of Illinois is torn and disfigured'

A former Illinois governor was sentenced to 14 years in prison yesterday.

Minutes later, Rod Blagojevich's wife, Patti, stood up in court and fell into his arms.

He brushed tears off her cheek and then rubbed her shoulders.

Judge James Zagel said of Blagojevich: "When it is the governor who goes bad, the fabric of Illinois is torn and disfigured and not easily repaired."

Blagojevich was convicted of a wide range of corruption charges — including trying to sell U.S. President Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat to raise campaign cash or



► Rod Blagojevich, with wife Patti by his side, speaks to reporters after being sentenced yesterday.

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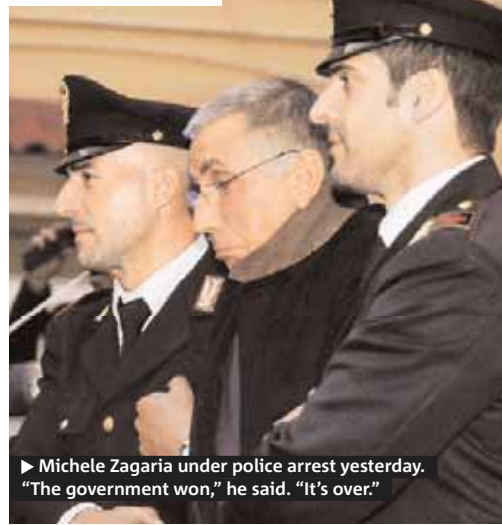
Blagojevich, in a last plea for mercy, tried something he never had before: an apology.

After years of insisting

he was innocent, Blagojevich told the judge he has made "terrible mistakes" and he acknowledged that he broke the law.

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Bunker. Stormed



► Michele Zagaria under police arrest yesterday. "The government won," he said. "It's over."

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Mobster pried from lair

Police yesterday captured Michele Zagaria, one of Italy's most-wanted mobsters. On the run since 1995, he was found in an underground bunker in his home province of Caserta. Police had located the bunker some time ago and were digging around it. Zagaria watched their progress on closed-circuit TV. He gave up without a fight.

MacKay may sue MPs over heli-fuss

Defence Minister Peter MacKay, pictured, is considering legal action against MPs who accused him of lying about a ride he took aboard a search-and-rescue helicopter.

MPs have called on MacKay to apologize and even to resign over his use of military resources to shuttle him to the airport in Gander, N.L., from a vacation at a remote fishing lodge.

Documents showed some National Defence staff predicted the trip could be perceived badly, with one suggesting the pickup was only to be under the "guise" of a search-and-rescue exercise.

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► Occupy DC protesters lie across K Street before being arrested for blocking the street in downtown Washington yesterday.

Occupiers forced to leave camps

- Police move in on protesters
- San Francisco raid began at 1 a.m.

Police gave protesters at San Francisco's Occupy encampment five minutes to gather belongings before taking down about 100 tents and arresting 70 people as officers dismantled the camp in an overnight raid.

About two dozen officers in riot gear remained at daybreak yesterday, down from more than 100 who carried out the raid. They blocked access to the former camp site as trash crews raked up paper and plastic bottles and removed chairs and other belongings that had accumulated there over the past two months.

A handful of protesters stood by, occasionally jeering at officers but otherwise heeding their instructions to stay back.

The movement against economic disparity and perceived corporate greed began with Occupy Wall Street in New York almost three months ago, and police have removed Occupy demonstrators there and in a number of other cities.

Also yesterday, police said 11 Occupy protesters were arrested in Washington after several dozen protesters lay down in the centre of a busy downtown intersection on K Street, home to many lobbying firms.

The San Francisco raid began around 1 a.m., when

Injuries

"Most of the protesters went peacefully," but one officer in the San Francisco raid received minor injuries when two people threw a chair that cracked his face shield, said officer Albie Esparza.

► Richard Kriedler with Occupy SF said some protesters were injured, but he didn't have the details.

dozens of police cars, fire engines and ambulances surrounded the campsite at Justin Herman Plaza and blocked off the area. City officials previously declared the site a public health nuisance.

Police didn't immediately say how many people were in the plaza at the time, but campers put the estimate at 150.

Jack Martin of San Francisco said he was trying to leave the plaza when he was zip-tied, taken to a police station, cited and released. Officers trashed his tent and personal belongings, he said.

In a statement, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee said the city had taken a "measured and balanced approach," including making an alternate site available to protesters.

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Facebook flaw exposes Zuckerberg

A Facebook security flaw revealed this week allowed users to gain access to CEO Mark Zuckerberg's private photos.

Facebook blamed a software error, and said the error was quickly fixed, but some people were able to

view a limited number of other people's photos, even if they were marked as private.

The photos show that Zuckerberg eats, cooks and likes to spend time with his girlfriend and puppy.

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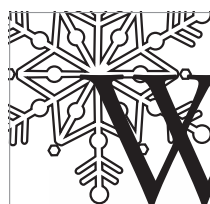
Diver's body identified

The B.C. Coroners Service has identified the body of a scuba diver that was recovered from the Burrard Inlet back in October.

The remains of Peter Devoe, who was wearing a wetsuit and scuba gear,

were found entangled in the nets of two commercial fishermen on Oct. 23 in the Burrard Inlet, just west of Cates Park in North Vancouver.

Coroner Stephen Fonseca says then 29-year-old Devoe went missing during a dive on March 13, 1985. A medical cause of death couldn't be determined, but foul play has been ruled out. ● METRO



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News in brief

Austria amends anthem

VIENNA. Austria's national anthem now pays homage not only to the country's great sons but also to its favoured daughters.

Parliament voted yesterday to accept two text changes to the hymn. "Home you are to great sons" is being replaced by "Home to great daughters and sons," while "brother choirs" has been amended to "choirs of joy." The change goes into effect Jan. 1.

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Maritimes brace for 'weather bomb'

HALIFAX. Residents of the

Maritimes are being warned to brace for the arrival today of a so-called weather bomb.

Meteorologist Tracey Talbot of Environment Canada says wind speeds between 70 and 100 kilometres per hour are forecast for northern Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and northern New Brunswick, where snowfall warnings have also been issued.

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More charges laid in cup riot

VANCOUVER. Police say charges have been approved against two more people suspected of participating in Vancouver's Stanley Cup riot last June.

Insp. Les Yeo says the latest charges, which include participating in a riot and mischief, are against 19- and 20-year-old men, one from Surrey and one from Coquitlam.

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Singing cop gets pink slip

▶ YouTube lip-sync star sings his last song with Indonesian police force

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Different tune

Kamaru, who has a pierced tongue, said it was a relief to be rid of his crisp, khaki uniform. "I always had to behave," he told the English-language Jakarta Post. Kamaru told reporters he wanted to try to sing. And if it didn't work out, he's not concerned: "There are many jobs out there," he said. "I could always be a motorcycle taxi driver."

Initially, the top brass was furious. But that changed when the public rallied to support the charismatic young officer.

As a new, unexpected asset to the force — widely considered one of the country's most corrupt institutions — Kamaru started appearing regular-



▶ Police officer Norman Kamaru dances with a fan during a show last April in Jakarta.

ly on TV talk shows in full uniform.

With a \$100,000 record deal in his pocket, Kamaru told his bosses he wanted out. They said no. And he stopped coming to

work.

Saud Usman Nasution, spokesman for the national police, said Kamaru was dishonourably discharged on Tuesday.

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HOW TO HOST AN OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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As one of Canada's top 605 columnists, I'm often asked advice on how to throw the perfect office Christmas party.

To me, the key has always been to think about fun and merry-making, so that you can avoid those things whenever possible.

You don't want to get sued, do you?

As most holiday partygoers know, parties have changed over the years from alcohol-fuelled blowouts where you might see Barb the secretary drink Kahlua from a shoe, to glorified potlucks where the wildest thing is the Worst Christmas Sweater contest.

Nowadays everyone seems scared, rightly or not, that they'll get sued if a partygoer drinks too much and goes all Darwin Awards on them. We, as hosts, fear our own guests' stupidity. (Eventually a drunk driver will sue the descendants of Sir Isaac Newton, whose famous forebear was reckless enough to have discovered the laws of motion, which have caused us all so much harm.)

My usual advice for the Christmas-party problem is to take extra precautions: serve alcohol, but only responsibly; get everyone to sign waivers (make sure the pencils aren't too sharp!); and place written warnings throughout the party explaining the possible danger represented by each item, including co-workers.

But this year I'm advocating something different, mostly because I want to see how it works out. This year, you should throw a party so wild that everyone will either forget what happened or be too embarrassed to bring it up, let alone sue.

John's unethical office-party tips:

- Start by picking a party theme. Tequila or Rum are two good ideas to get you started.
- Don't be concerned with unnecessary party frivolities, such as food.
- Spike everything, including the non-alcoholic beer. It's Christmas.
- As guests arrive, tell them it's a "social mixer" and seat them in unusual pairings — for example, your co-worker's husband with the blond intern, or Ms. Phillips in finance with the mail boy. Playfully point out the mistletoe over each spot.
- Provide a gift bag that includes a game of Twister, several lampshades and a pair of Santa-themed underpants.
- For the coup de disgrace, supply everyone with disposable cameras.
- As people are stumbling out the door, provide them with "door prizes" containing a perfume- or cologne-stained handkerchief, a napkin with a phone number on it and a strand of blond hair.

If all goes well (how could it not?), everyone will have the time of their life and never speak of it again.

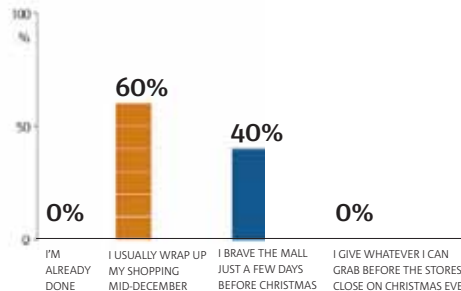
Oh, and if something horrible and/or tragic happens because of my idea, then remember your legal recourse. Sue Isaac Newton.

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- **@GibsonNation:** Today I learned: Calgary West MP Rob Anders worked as a professional heckler before being elected in his riding. Class act. #yyc
- **@EmpireOfDisdain:** Really, guy on a bike in winter #yyc in a sidewalk??? #rant not likely
- **@AaronAndroid:** Its no wonder #fashion in #yyc is so far behind. High end stores are filled with ppl that don't know basic #menswear terms #learnyourtrade
- **@GGGellis:** My guess is there will be no one in #yyc Olympic Plaza tonight. No skaters, no use of the stage, no anything. sad actually #yyc & No Occupiers

Birthday treats for polar bear

KINGUSSIE, SCOTLAND. Is Walker the polar bear planning The Great Escape? Probably not, as he seems quite content after celebrating his third birthday at Highland Wildlife Park in the Scottish Highlands. After playing with his new toy — a workman's hard hat — he ate an ice birthday cake, full of fish, fruit and vegetables.

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370 kilograms is Walker's current weight. He is small now; the average polar bear can weigh over 600 kilograms.

He still waits for a special one

MATING. Walker may have to play with that hard hat a little longer after his date with a mate has been delayed. Zookeepers had brought in a potential female mate but she turned out to be already pregnant. Walker once had a female companion, but she had to be put down in April due to ill health. ● METRO WORLD NEWS



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A Queen's University professor says the public is being kept in the dark about the viability of solar energy.

Joshua Pearce of the Kingston, Ont. university's department of mechanical and materials engineering says many analysts project a higher cost for solar energy.

But Pearce says they aren't considering recent technological advancements and price reductions.

Pearce says he believes solar systems are near the "tipping point" where they can produce energy for about the same price of other traditional sources of energy.

Pearce makes the comments in releasing a study co-written by students published in the December edition of Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews.

Pearce has created a calculator program available for download online that can be used to determine the true costs of solar energy.

Analysts look at many variables to determine the cost of solar systems for consumers, including installation and maintenance costs, finance charges, the system's life expectancy and the amount of electricity it generates.

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RIM forced to change BBX name

Research In Motion is being forced to change the name of its new BBX smartphone operating system after the company lost a trademark ruling in the United States.

The name change marks another setback for the Waterloo, Ont.-based tech company, which has been hyping the new system for months.

A U.S. court ruled that the name BBX has already been trademarked by a software company in New Mexico.

RIM said on its Twitter account that "BlackBerry 10" will be the official name of the next-generation platform that will power future BlackBerry smartphones.

RIM is expected to release a new generation of BlackBerrys early in 2012 that run on the new operating system.

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Cities across Europe face up to holiday gloom

The streets of downtown Lisbon are usually ablaze with Christmas lights around this time — but this year the city has put on a sombre show that matches the sombre mood of austerity.

The Yuletide gloom is seen across Europe's crisis-hit southern rim, as Athens and Madrid also dim the Christmas lights in a sign of how anxious countries have become about the future.

In Lisbon, the city coun-



► Artist Miguel Braganca, right, shows his puppets to shopper Mariana Correa at a Christmas market in Lisbon, Portugal on Monday.

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cil has cut its festivities budget to \$200,000 this year, leaving main streets short on Christmas spirit.

The frugality has inspired ingenuity. Artists invited to help Lisbon look more festive have strung up multi-coloured umbrellas with flashing lights over busy Chile Square. Across town, passersby are being given sparkling lapel pins to provide their own Christmas lighting.

In Athens, after the lavish spending of past years, city officials say their outlay for the holidays will be one-tenth of last year's, at \$270,000.

In struggling Spain, Madrid has also scaled back its seasonal spending (at a still-impressive budget of \$3.35 million), making do with some of last year's decorations along city avenues and using fewer lightbulbs.

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Netflix CEO predicts rebound

Shaking off the challenges of the past five months won't be easy, Netflix CEO Reed Hastings acknowledged yesterday when he spoke at a UBS investor conference in New York. Hastings believes Netflix will overcome its recent adversity and remain at the forefront of the online video market.

His long-term vision calls for Netflix to be selling Internet video sub-

scriptions at prices starting at \$8 per month in most markets outside of China.

"If you fundamentally believe Internet video will change the world in 20 years, we are the leading player on that basis," Hastings boasted.

He quickly added a caveat: "As long as we don't shoot ourselves in the foot anymore."

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BP facing more violations in spill

Federal regulators have issued a second set of violations against BP for activities related to the 2010 blown-out well that led to the deaths of 11 rig workers and the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issued five violations yesterday. The violations claim BP failed to conduct an accurate

pressure integrity test and failed to suspend drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico "when the safe drilling margin identified in the approved application for permit to drill was not maintained."

The second round of violations came after further review of evidence.

BP, which has 60 days to appeal, had no immediate comment.

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A Christmoose Carol

► Calgary's classic stage production returns once again to bring cheer to the holidays

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It's not Christmas in Calgary without a night out at Loose Moose.

For over 15 years, the theatre company located out of the Crossroads Market (1235 26 Ave. SE) has put their own spin on the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*.

Since its first debut in 1996, *Christmoose Carol* has proved so popular that it has become an annual affair.

"We've presented our version in various ways over the years, including western, science fiction, and as a three person production with the audience choosing who plays scrooge that night" explains Artistic Director Dennis Cahill, who also helped establish the company in 1977.

"This has not only kept the production fresh for our performers, but also for our audience."

This year's performance is played out through Cahill, Ken Gardener, Renee Amber, Michael Roik, and Rob Mitchelson.

They will be keeping with their own holiday *Christmoose* tradition by keeping the style in which

they present the play under wraps until the first curtain rises tonight. Mitchelson, who plays Scrooge this year, says they start thinking about their presentation wildcard mid-summer.

"Around June or July, I go to Dennis and start throwing out ideas. By December, none of them have been accepted," he jokes, but goes on to say the twist usually comes from the cast rehearsing the narrative.

The rest is left to the wonderful world of improv.

"During the course of the show, we discover different stuff that might take us in a slightly different direction," Mitchelson, a 16-year veteran of the performance, explains.

"From when the show opens to when it closes, you might see two different shows."

Christmoose Carol runs Thursdays through Saturdays starting tonight at 8 p.m. and goes until Dec. 23.

Tickets are \$20 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Discounts are available for students.

For Thursday performances, you can knock \$5 off admission. Speaking of the audience, this play isn't recommended for little ones so leave Santa's little helpers at home.

For more information or to book your tickets, visit loosemoose.com.



► One of Calgary's favourite holiday traditions debuts tonight at Loose Moose Theatre.

Parade



Rocker Bret Michaels and Grammy-winning singer Cyndi Lauper are among the celebrities heading to New Orleans for Carnival 2012. Orpheus parade organizers named the pair as their celebrity monarchs yesterday.

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No sleep until Cleveland

► Beastie Boys, Guns N' Roses and Chili Peppers are among the 2012 Rock Hall of Fame class

Welcome to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Guns N' Roses.

The seminal rock band of the late 1980s and early '90s, best known for hits like *Welcome to the Jungle*, *Sweet Child O' Mine* and *November Rain*, leads the 2012 class of inductees announced on Wednesday. Also making the cut is the

hip-hop trio *Beastie Boys*; rockers the *Red Hot Chili Peppers*; the late singer/songwriter *Laura Nyro*; *Donovan*; and influential British rock group *The Small Faces/The Faces*, which included *Rod Stewart* and *Rolling Stones* guitarist *Ronnie Wood*.

Nyro, who wrote such hits the *5th Dimension's*

Wedding Bell Blues and *Blood Sweat & Tears' When I Die*, is the only female act to make it this time around. The hall passed on *Donna Summer*, *Joan Jett* and the *Blackhearts*, *Heart* and *Rufus* with *Chaka Khan*, who were on the ballot for 2012.

But it wasn't just

women who were denied entry into the rock hall for next year. Voters also passed on hip-hop pioneers *Eric B. & Rakim*, *War*, the *Cure* and the *Spinners*.

Guns N' Roses blazed on the rock scene in 1987 with their official debut, *Appetite for Destruction*. Fronted by siren-voiced

singer *Axl Rose*, with *Slash* and *Izzy Stradlin* on guitars, *Duff McKagan* on bass and *Steven Adler* on drums, the group dominated music with its aggressive rock grooves. Early in their career they were criticized for lyrics in the song *One in a Million* deemed as homophobic.

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Cannonball misfires for "Myth-Busters" TV show, rips through California house and minivan

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Sex and sensibility

Two Broke Girls has a sweet core surrounded by stereotypes and sex jokes

Two Broke Girls co-creator Michael Patrick King says he has no plans to alter his hit sitcom to placate critics who say it perpetuates racial stereotypes.

"I'm not going to change. No, absolutely not," King said in a recent interview from his Hollywood office. "I believe that anybody, when you see them for the first time, you judge them based on the surface."

Two Broke Girls — starring Kat Dennings and Beth Behrs as down-on-their-luck waitresses trying to make an extra buck — has become one of the fall TV season's few breakout hits.

The CBS show has an old-school feel and a big heart — at its core is the odd-couple friendship between street-smart Max (Dennings) and high-strung

heiress-turned-pauper Caroline (Behrs).

"When we started out our joke was that we were going to sell it as Laverne & Shirley on crack," says King, an executive producer on Sex and the City.

"I felt that there was something missing (from TV), which was an old-fashioned sitcom for a young sensibility. And so I decided that it would be really fun to try to do two really funny girls, because I LOVE funny women."

While the comic chemistry between Dennings and Behrs has received consistent kudos, some critics have taken issue with the show's supporting players, including Oleg (Jonathan Kite) a lascivious Russian fry cook, bumbling Korean diner owner Han (Matthew Moya), and Earl (Garrett

Morris), the restaurant's "jive-talking" African-American host.

King seems at a loss to explain why there's been so much chatter about those characters: "It's current, it's something to talk about. It's maybe a little in your face, I don't know," he says.

He notes that archetypes are commonplace in writing and says the show is reflective of his experience in the Big Apple. "Anyone who's ever lived in New York has walked through an enormous melting pot of people. So for me, to do a show where you're not exploring race would be absurd in Brooklyn, N.Y.," he says, adding that the supporting characters will become more fleshed out as 2 Broke Girls progresses.

Watch it

A new episode of 2 Broke Girls is set to air Dec. 12, followed by a repeat episode. Air times are: 8 p.m. ET (OMN12); 7 p.m. PT on Citytv, 8 p.m. MT on Citytv, 6 p.m. CT on Citytv.

While 2 Broke Girls has an undeniable sweetness at its core, some critics have also taken umbrage with the crude sex jokes peppered throughout each 30-minute episode.

King says such vulgarity is simply a reflection of reality. "I think that it's important that two 23-year-old girl characters have a sensibility that actual 23-year-olds girls have in the world today," he says.

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► In Two Broke Girls, two down-on-their-luck waitresses are struggling to make an extra buck.

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Hot show, cool climate

- Frozen Planet looks at polar regions and the impact of climate change
- New documentary series is hosted by David Attenborough

Discovery Channel's documentary series Frozen Planet will premiere March 18, and will encompass seven episodes including a program on climate change hosted by David Attenborough.

On that seventh episode, the famed British naturalist will investigate what rising temperatures will mean for the planet and life on it.

Frozen Planet is described as "the ultimate portrait of our Earth's polar regions." A co-production of Discovery Channel and BBC, it was four years in the making and comes from the team behind Planet Earth, the acclaimed series that aired on Discovery in 2007.

The Frozen Planet team filmed in every nation inside the Arctic and Antarctic Circles during 2,356 days in the field, 1 1/2 years at sea, more than six months on the sea ice and 134 hours beneath that ice, according to Discovery.

"You see an environment that's changing, if not disappearing ..."

TLC/Discovery Networks Head Eileen O'Neill

Among the sights: the birth of an iceberg bigger than the largest building on Earth, a caterpillar with antifreeze in its veins and tiny baby polar bears, which at birth are 25 per cent smaller than human babies.

Frozen Planet will be narrated by Alec Baldwin.

Discovery and TLC networks head Eileen O'Neill calls the series remarkable "because it's so surprising. You see sequences that have never been captured on film before — a world you would expect to see in a Narnia film, not on this planet. You see an environment that's changing, if not disappearing, in our generation."

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► Polar Bears are one of many arctic animals threatened by climate change.

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Today in awkward divorce stories

► Moore, J.Lo have unpleasant encounters with thier exes

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All of those A-list celebs going through divorces? Things are getting awwwkward!

First up in cringe-worthy separation stories: While Demi Moore was having dinner with a friend at a private club in West Hollywood recently, she couldn't help noticing soon-to-be ex-husband Ashton Kutcher dining nearby.

"She approached his table," a source tells *Us Weekly*. "He gave her a hug, and they spoke for a few minutes." The source describes the couple's chat as "polite" but "very awkward."

At least it wasn't as bad as what went down recently with Jennifer Lopez and her soon-to-be-ex-husband Marc Anthony.

Anthony apparently refused to shoot his Latin reality TV show *Q'Viva* with



► Demi Moore

Lopez because of her new relationship with 24-year-old backup dancer Casper Smart.

A source told *Star* magazine: "Marc and J.Lo had a tense conference call when she was in Morocco. Inevitably, their discussion boiled down to her new boyfriend (Smart)

and Marc made the decision not to work with Jennifer last week as a result."

Call me crazy, but maybe everything can be described as "tense" when you decide to work with someone you are going through a contentious divorce with.

Baldwin doesn't fly the friendly skies

Alec Baldwin claims he was kicked off an American Airlines flight for playing the Scrabble-like game *Words with Friends* on his phone.

"Flight attendant on American reamed me out (for) playing (*Words with Friends*) while we sat at the gate, not moving," the actor posted to Twitter.

Baldwin was eventually removed from the plane and forced to take another flight, though his rep laughs off the situation. "He loves *Words with Friends* so much that he was willing to



► Alec Baldwin

leave a plane for it," spokesman Matthew Hitzik says.

But some sources say it wasn't as simple as all that. Other passengers claim

Baldwin was also talking on the phone, and he reportedly became "violent and aggressive" toward the airline staff, according to *Hollyscoop*. ● METRO

Lohan to talk to Ellen

Lindsay Lohan is looking to unveil her *Playboy* spread on daytime television, as she's chosen Ellen DeGeneres' show for her only magazine-related interview, according to *Hollyscoop*.

"Lindsay has agreed to do one media interview during the on-sale period of her issue, and has chosen Ellen. Lindsay will not be doing any additional interviews to promote her pictorial," a spokesman for the magazine says.

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Celebrity tweets



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Gift picks

For the
colleague

Thanks to things like Secret Santa, you can often find yourself in a position where you have to buy a gift for someone you don't know all that well. TankBooks's series of literary classics redesigned as iconic cigarette packaging is a good solution because it combines universally appealing reading (Ernest Hemingway, Rudyard Kipling and Leo Tolstoy, for instance) with cool design. tankmagazine.com

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Indian elegance in tweed and silk at spectacular Chanel show worthy of a Maharaja

Host with the most...style

► The garland is hung, the chestnuts are roasting, the turkey's in the oven ► But what to wear?

One more thing to add to the to-do list for your holiday party: Find an outfit that creates a celebratory mood, is welcoming and warm (but not hot), can hide a little sauce splatter and has pockets to stash remotes, phones and, for the ladies, lip gloss.

It's the delicate balance of being chic and comfortable.

"I can't imagine any more pressure when you're putting on a party — when you are so focused on wine and food — and you have to look beautiful as well," says Simon Kneen, creative director of Banana Republic.

"Men have it a little easier, but you still have to make it look effortless and easy to manage."

Dressing for the role of host is a little bit different from a guest, with many more practical considerations. Just like every other aspect of the party, seasoned, stylish party-throwers say you'll likely want to do as much preplanning as you can.

Even last month, Kneen knew what he'd be wearing next time he entertained: a poplin shirt, sleeves rolled, with a tie. Meanwhile, Manhattan-based designer Shoshanna Gruss will pull one of her many cocktail dresses out of her closet and pair it with a chunky necklace or sparkly cuff bracelet.

"I have some fun statement pieces that I don't get to wear often," she says. "You're setting the rules so



► Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions, likes a deep-red, fine-wale pair of cords for men. "It's an injection of holiday without going overboard," he says.



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you know you'll be appropriate."

It would be a letdown, she adds, for guests who have put thought into their outfits to find the hosts in something they'd wear any other night.

"It feels funny to put on a dress and high heels at home, when you know you're not leaving, but it sets the tone," Gruss says. "Your guests will appreciate it."

Minnie Mortimer says she likes to emerge from her bedroom all dressed up, especially now that she lives in more casual Los Angeles after growing up in New York and Palm Beach, Fla.

This year, Mortimer will jazz up her look with a glittery hair pin. "I really like the holidays to be about a little bit of sparkle. It's hard to do the rest of the time or it looks too much, but during the holidays, it looks appropriate," she says.

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Festive face

- Makeup should be maintenance-free, says Ricky Wilson, Dior Beauty's celebrity makeup artist.
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AFTER HOURS

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EYE DRAMA

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- ▶ @KarleighSergio: My gold heart locket from Birks, my "dream" necklace, and my moms engagement ring that she handed downtime when I turned 16.



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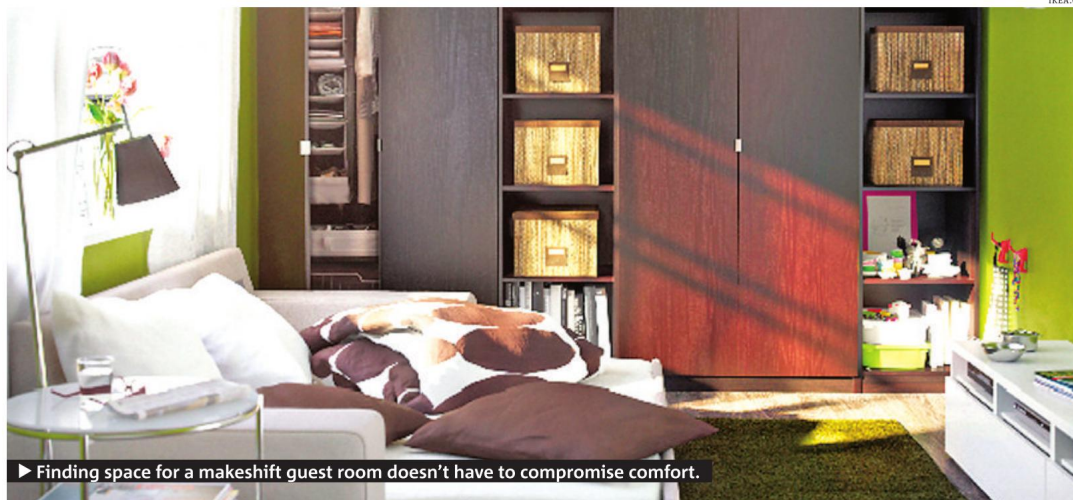
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Spoil your guests

A few simple tips to help you be a hostess with the mostess.

- **Don't alarm:** Ask your guest about preferred wake up and breakfast times.
- **Token gesture:** Have some extra tokens for out of town visitors so they can run shopping errands as needed.
- **Mini-magic:** Add some holiday charm to their personal space with a mini holiday tree on the nightstand.
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► An over-the-door hook rack adds an instant closet for keeping things organized for guests. Grundtal Hanger, \$9.99, Ikea.

Provide thoughtful supplies

As a frequent traveller, I find myself always forgetting something behind at home. What a nice surprise to arrive at a friend's place and discover that they've anticipated my forgetfulness.

Installing a guest account on your home computer, extra toiletries, bottles of water, room spray, extra hangers, an alarm clock, a humidifier and over-the-door hooks for extra hanging storage are all welcomed by guests.

Offer spa treatment

You might only have one bathroom in your place so how do you make it feel as personal for yourself as guests?

Try to strip all your personal belongings on display (perfumes, magazines, towels) and keep them in a carry caddy in your bedroom.

Supply your guests with a similar caddy (filled with toothpaste and shampoo).

Decorate your washroom with decorative towels, fresh flowers and candles.

You might want to supply extra pyjamas, a bathrobe and slippers for your guests; these are usually the last things to be packed and most often don't make the cut.



Carry tote baskets keep toiletries organized and shared bathrooms free of clutter. Nansum Basket, \$24.99, Ikea

Send them to sleep on a cloud

If you don't have an extra bedroom or pull-out sofa, a quality blow up mattress on the floor can create a comfy nest for your guests.

The modern mattresses are leak-proof, have electric pumps and some come with foldable, lightweight bases to elevate the mattress off the floor.

Of course an extra blanket and freshly ironed sheets always create a touch of luxury.

My special treat to overnight guests this year is adding extra comfort to a mattress, sofa or air bed with a mattress topper; just a few extra inches of plush comfort will make them feel like they are sleeping in a 5-star hotel!

► Add a layer of comfort to a mattress, air or sofa bed. Sultan Torod Pillowtop, starting at \$199, Ikea.



KEEP THOSE PETALS LOOKIN' OH SO PRETTY

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Dear Charles the Butler,
I love to display fresh flowers,

but when I receive a bouquet I never know what to do so they last as long as possible. Any suggestions?

Who doesn't love a fresh bouquet of flowers! Here are some very simple rules to help flowers last longer.

1. Always cut the stems — a clean cut with sharp scissors diagonally will help them "drink" water more efficiently.
2. When in a large vase, al-

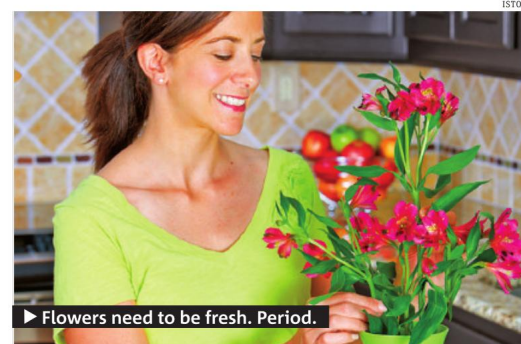
ways use a maximum of one capful of bleach. This will keep the water clear.

3. My mother swears by adding a small baby aspirin to each vase. Although I have never done this myself I have had other butlers tell me the wonders of this trick.
4. Keep the room temperature as cool as possible. If the flowers are going to be in a very warm area of the house, then try to put them

in a cooler room at night. The warmth will expire flowers more quickly than anything.

5. Change the water in the vase at least every other day.
6. Remove any dead flowers as they die, so that the stem does not decay in the water, thus affecting the other flowers in the vase.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND AN EMAIL TO ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA



► Flowers need to be fresh. Period.



pleasing casserole

► Crab & Rice casserole is creamy, portable and feeds a crowd of 16 a hearty dinner ► It's an ideal potluck dish

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Delicious often doesn't cut it during the holidays.

Many of us seem to spend the entire month of December on the move, going from one work or family gathering to another.

Which means the food you make for these events needs to feed a crowd and be portable, in addition to tasting great. Enter the holiday casserole!

This multilayer dish takes flavours of a creamy crab dip (that near ubiquitous offering at holiday gatherings) and turns it into a meal. It serves 16 as a hearty dinner, but can feed many more at a potluck, where diners tend to take smaller portions of each dish.

Preparation:

1 Spray a 3 L (13-by-9-inch) baking pan with cooking spray; set aside.

In a food processor, pulse together celery, pepper and red onion until finely chopped.

2 In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high; add chopped vegetables, garlic, salt and pepper and sauté 3 to 4 minutes or

until softened. Stir in corn and rice; then spoon into bottom of prepared baking pan.

3 Crab Layer: In a bowl, stir cream cheese, mayonnaise, milk and seasoning. Gently stir in crab and chives; spoon over rice mixture.

4 Topping: Return skillet to medium heat and add butter until melted; remove from heat. Add panko, paprika and salt; stir until well mixed. Sprinkle evenly over top of crab mixture. Bake in 200 C (400 F) oven 20 minutes or until bubbly. Let rest 5 mins. before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, quartered
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 750 ml (3 cups) cooked long-grain white rice

Crab Layer

- 500 g (1 lb) Neufchâtel cream cheese, softened
- 250 ml (1 cup) mayonnaise
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 kg (2 lb) lump crab meat
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh chives or scallions

Topping:

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) butter
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) panko breadcrumbs
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) paprika
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt



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Weekly Cookbook



Crystal Cook and Sandy Pollock, the casserole Queens, have built their business around revamping the ultimate quick-fix dinners for modern tastes.

In The Casserole Queens Cookbook (Potter, 2011), they share updated recipes for traditional dishes such as chicken potpie, shrimp and grits, stuffed peppers, tuna noodle casserole, ham and cheese skillet casserole, and more.

The Queens also provide expert tips, advice on scaling and freezing casseroles, 16 pages of photos and more.

4 sports

Flames preview

Colorado
at Calgary
7 p.m.
TV: SNET



Calgary (12-13-2) hosts the Avalanche (13-14-1), who began their western Canadian road trip with a 6-0 loss to Vancouver on Tuesday. Semyon Varlamov allowed six goals on 21 shots to end a solid string of performances. He is still searching for his first road win since Oct. 22. Ryan O'Reilly's three-game point streak came to an end on Tuesday. He was a minus-3 in the game. Paul Stastny (torso) was injured in Sunday's win over Detroit and Ryan Wilson (head) was injured against the Canucks.

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

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The Calgary Flames shouldn't be so quick to throw Cory Sarich out with the bath water — or keep him anchored in the press box.

The coaching staff may not be pleased with his play in 15 games — which is why he has been a healthy scratch for 12 others — but Sarich offers an element that no other Calgary blue-liner has in his repertoire. That being physical play.

The Flames blue-line corps is the welcome wagon of the NHL. The Calgary defence ranks last in the NHL with 5.8 hits per game. That's about half what the league-leading Dallas Stars defence averages (11.23). And Calgary's average was built largely on the efforts of Sarich in 15 games and Mark Giordano in 23 games before his serious injury. Prorate the current crop of Calgary blue-liners and they're averaging just under four hits per game. Talk about western hospitality.

What does this all mean? Opposing forwards are very aware of the fact they can go into the Calgary zone, dangle around, freelance, and not get made part of the board ad-

vertising. It's a growing reputation that is in stark contrast to the days not so long ago of punishing bruisers Dion Phaneuf, Robyn Regehr and Sarich.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm impressed with the confident, smooth play of rookies Derek Smith and T.J. Brodie and I think Jay Bouwmeester is playing his best hockey as a Flame. Chris Butler has been solid and Scott Hannan is a cool customer who thinks the game well. I just wish the latter three would take the body more and exact a toll for foes who buzz around

in full comfort. But they're not natural hitters and that's where Sarich comes in.

"At the very least, getting Sarich playing again will make him more marketable on the trade front in February if Calgary is out of the playoff picture."

Sarich ranked 17th among NHL defencemen last year with 175 hits. (Phaneuf was 12th, Regehr 13th). There are issues with Sarich's skating, but having him on the ice delivers the type of muscle-flexing message Calgary needs if it wants to give Miikka Kiprusoff some defensive help. At the very least, getting Sarich playing again will make him more marketable on the trade front in February if Calgary is out of the playoff picture.

With the Flames being the worst team in the face-off circle and the most passive defence in terms of hits, having a hitter like Sarich in the lineup will help uphold the law in an area where the puck spends a lot of time — the Calgary zone.



► The Flames' defence corps could use a dose of Cory Sarich's physical play.

Karlsson out with torn MCL



Flames backup goaltender Henrik Karlsson will miss six-to-eight weeks with a torn medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

► Karlsson injured the knee Sunday during the third period of Calgary's 5-1 loss in Vancouver. He was placed on injured reserve Monday with a suspected MCL

sprain.

► A re-evaluation of the injury yesterday revealed the ligament actually sustained a high-grade tear.

► The Flames recalled Leland Irving from the Abbotsford Heat of the AHL on Monday to back up Miikka Kiprusoff in Tuesday night's game against Carolina.

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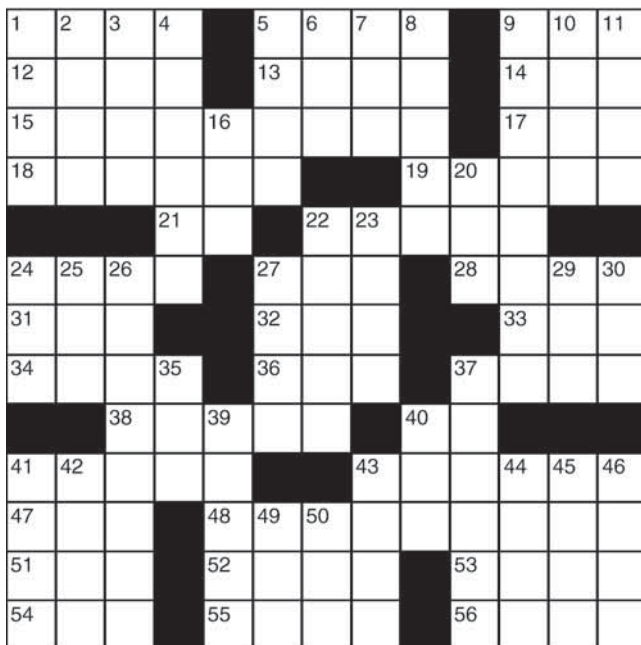


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Crossword

Across

- 1 Get well
5 Start over
9 Dandy
12 Pelvic bones
13 On
14 "I — Camera"
15 Mask
17 Back talk
18 Advertising section
19 Selassie worshipper
21 B&O, for ex.
22 Dodge
24 — and crafts
27 Hearty brew
28 Sandwich treat
31 Round Table address
32 60 sec.
33 Mischievous tyke
34 First course, often
36 Peculiar
37 Touch
38 Obliterate
40 Yours truly
41 Earring locations
43 Random drawing?
47 Lubricate
48 HBO's vampire series
51 Wilde-beest
52 Greek vowel
53 Radius neighbor
54 — out a living
55 Coral structure
56 Appear
Down
1 Stereo setup
2 Verve
3 Has a bug
4 "Star Wars" weaponry
5 Huck's transport
6 Schedule abbr.
7 Elmer, to Bugs
8 "Tosca," e.g.
9 It barely connects to the sternum
10 Leave out
11 One of the Three Bears
16 Mess up
20 Commotion
22 Skip a phoneme
23 Sell
24 Fool
25 Carnival city
26 Loyal to the end



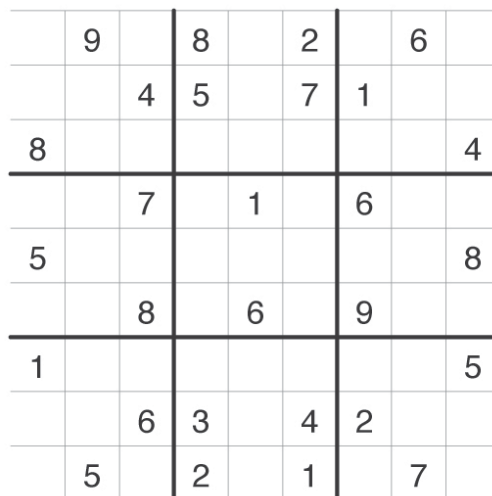
- 27 Andy's old radio pal
29 Ostrich's kin
30 Make up your mind
35 Opposite of "post-"
37 Greek god of the winds
39 Moving about
40 Flash —
41 Theater box
42 Sty cry
43 Unwilling to listen
44 Apportion (out)
45 Unrivaled

- 46 Cheese choice
49 Shad product
50 Salt Lake athlete

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	3	6	5	4	7	8	2	9
9	2	4	3	8	6	5	1	7
8	7	5	9	2	1	6	3	4
6	5	3	2	9	4	7	8	1
2	4	1	7	6	8	3	9	5
7	9	8	1	5	3	2	4	6
5	1	7	8	3	9	4	6	2
4	8	2	6	1	5	9	7	3
3	6	9	4	7	2	1	5	8

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -17° Max -5°	Min -7° Max 2°	Min -5° Max 2°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta." WEEKDAYS 5:30AM



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Do something meaningful today, something that makes a difference in your corner of the world.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be eager to push ahead with a new plan or project but wait until Saturday's eclipse has passed.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The straightest route to your destination may not be the best one.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You could come into a sum of money today, and it's just as possible that you could lose it. Either way, don't take material things too seriously.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 What happens today will at first look like a challenge and then like an opportunity. Get competitive.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Stay calm, be patient and don't try to force the pace over the next 24 hours. You may have to wait for those who think slowly to catch up.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you upset someone in a position of power, make sure you apologize.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 There is no point getting worked up if a colleague does a poor job of what he or she is working on.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Bid your time today. Let others make the first move. Nothing is so urgent that it must be done now.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Try not to get caught up in the hysteria that seems to be making the rounds at the moment. Stay calm.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A little bit of modesty will go a long way over the next 24 hours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may be tempted to cut corners and hope that no one notices. They most likely will, leading to embarrassment. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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